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Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Announces Record Year for Ridership

Peninsula, OH - Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is pleased to announce 2012 as a record year in ridership for the organization. 210,347 passengers climbed aboard the rails, traveling through Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) throughout the year. This number is up from 160,009 passengers in 2011—the year the railroad was closed due to necessary track repairs and 195,662 passengers in 2010.

CVSR operates trains all months of the year, with a varying schedule and numerous special events. Scenic Excursions are offered all year long and run between the Rockside Station in Independence and the Akron Northside Station. In the summer months, service between Akron and Canton is also available. Special events offered include beer and wine-tasting excursions, Bike Aboard!, Day Out With Thomas™, Underground Railroad, Student Explorer Educational Field trips, and the popular The Polar Express™, which alone accounted for 38,305 of the passengers.

“We are very pleased with the support CVSR received from the community in 2012. Service for 2013 has resumed and we are working hard now to plan even more fun events this year, including a new Membership program,” commented Craig Tallman, President and CEO of the railroad.

The next big event on the railroad’s busy schedule is Day Out With Thomas™, coming the last two weekends in May. Tickets will go on sale the first week of February.

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Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad (CVSR) is a private sector, not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) volunteer supported organization operating in partnership with Cuyahoga Valley National Park (CVNP) and is dedicated to the preservation of passenger rail transportation in Cuyahoga Valley and the historic Ohio & Erie Canalway. CVSR is celebrating its 40th anniversary of providing excursion rail service this year. For more information about the railroad, visit www.CVSR.com.

CVNP encompasses 33,000 acres along the Cuyahoga River between Cleveland and Akron. Managed by the National Park Service, CVNP combines cultural, historical, recreational, and natural activities in one setting. For more information about the park, visit www.nps.gov/cuva/ or call (330) 657-2752.

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